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New EDMs

513 Global hunger and the UN Sustainable Development Goal 2

Tabled: 31/10/22 Signatories: 1

Tony Lloyd

That this House is concerned by projections from the World Food Programme (WFP) that famine will take hold in parts of Somalia, with 7.1 million people facing acute food insecurity, while UNICEF estimates that a child has been sent to hospital over malnutrition every minute since August 2022; notes that a major cause of the crisis is the worst drought in the Horn of Africa for four decades; emphasises the role of climate change in this; highlights that the crisis has been worsened by conflict, with a correlation between areas projected to fall into famine and those impacted by non-state armed groups; notes that this also restricts humanitarian operations; stresses the impact of the war in Ukraine, with at least 90 per cent of Somalia's wheat coming from Russia and Ukraine prior to the February 2022 invasion; highlights that this crisis has displaced over a million people, while disease is spreading rapidly in displacement camps; is dismayed that the world is set to fail the UN Sustainable Development Goal of Zero Hunger by 2030; emphasises that a senior Somali Government official recently said the UK has lost its leading role on this issue; notes that this is despite the UK's ongoing commitment to providing security assistance to the Somali Government; and calls on the Government to (a) combine its security role in Somalia with greater humanitarian assistance, (b) support international and non-governmental humanitarian organisations operating in Somalia and (c) restore the commitment to spending 0.7 per cent of GNI on international aid.

514 145 Years of St Patricks Church

Tabled: 31/10/22 Signatories: 1

Jim Shannon

That this House celebrates 145 years of the opening of the alter of St Patrick's Church Newtownards in Strangford and the dedication which took place this month; further notes the original opening of the Church on 24 October 1877 by Bishop Dorrian and the generosity of Lady Londonderry, who

financed the whole project as an expression of her deep faith; underlines the goal of the Church as outlined in their celebratory literature as to inspire not just this generation but future generations to come to faith; highlights the power of prayer and love in a world of such rapid cultural change and celebrates the Churches efforts to bring healing, renewal and a reawakening of faith; and sincerely wishes St Patrick's Church and its parishioners all the best for the future.

515 Celebrating 7th Annual Ayurveda Day on 7 November 2022

Tabled: 31/10/22 Signatories: 1

Bob Blackman

That this House celebrates the 7th Annual Ayurveda Day and acknowledges that the covid-19 pandemic underlined the urgent need for cost-effective measures to improve health; notes that only a comprehensive prevention-oriented approach can meet this challenge; further notes that Ayurveda, the ancient and complete system of natural healthcare, offers a timeless tradition of holistic and multi-dimensional approaches to health and well-being; recognises the importance of research on Ayurveda is now demonstrated by unique collaboration between the UK and India in which researchers will test whether a well-known Ayurvedic medicine, Ashwagandha, can help improve the quality of life and aid people with long covid; notes that the WHO recognises Ayurveda's ethos and value to humanity as preventative and curative for a wide range of health conditions; further notes that Ayurveda addresses well-being through a wide range of strategies including consciousness-based programmes, personalised dietary advice, lifestyle management approaches unique to physical and psychological constitution, profound procedures to remove toxins from the physiology, and natural herbal formulas; and urges the Government to commit to prevention of ill-health and promotion of good health, fulfilled through integrating Ayurveda into the NHS, establishing a Department of Natural and Integrative Healthcare, providing freedom of choice in healthcare, introducing a Ayurveda and Integrative Medicine Chair in Medical Schools so that students gain a thorough grounding in this ancient science, encouraging research into Ayurveda, supporting the Ayurveda Centre of Excellence, promoting best practice, research and collaboration between the NHS and Indian Ministry of AYUSH and providing natural healthcare education in schools as a basis for improving the social and emotional well-being of all.

516 Independent Reviewing Officers

Tabled: 31/10/22 Signatories: 1

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck

That this House notes with concern the recommendation in the recent Independent Review of Children's Social Care (IRCS) to abolish the role of Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO) for children in local authority care; acknowledges the good work of the IRO service in ensuring the best possible outcomes for children in care; further notes that the IRCS does include constructive ideas to strengthen services to children in care, however presents poor evidence and is misguided in its recommendation to abolish the role of IRO as this would likely reduce independent scrutiny of local authority plans; further recognises that the roles of IRO and advocate are fundamentally different, with advocates representing the child's view while IROs consider all aspects of the child's welfare and holds local authorities to account; further highlights that IROs were made a statutory requirement in 2004 following a number of cases where care plans had not been implemented, leading to the harm of children; and notes a review in 2018 recommending their abolition was rejected by the then Children's Minister Nadhim Zahawi; and urgently calls on the Government to reject the proposal in the IRCS to abolish the IRO role and instead work to strengthen the IRO role for the benefit of children in care.

517 Awareness and treatment of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis

Tabled: 31/10/22 Signatories: 1

Sarah Green

That this House recognises the difficulties experienced by people with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF); expresses concern at the lack of awareness of the condition which often results in delayed diagnoses; notes that while IPF is currently incurable, the medicines Pirfenidone and Nintedanib have been proven to slow down the progression of the condition; regrets that these medicines are only available to patients once the condition has already reduced their forced vital capacity (FVC) to between 50 and 80 per cent of the expected value; welcomes NICE's re-evaluation of the FVC criteria for treatment; and calls on the Government to improve treatment and care for those with IPF, including by raising awareness of the condition to encourage early diagnosis.

518 The Welsh Criminal Justice System: On the Jagged Edge

Tabled: 31/10/22 Signatories: 1

Liz Saville Roberts

That this House celebrates the publication of *The Welsh Criminal Justice System: On the Jagged Edge* by Dr Robert Jones and Professor Richard Wyn Jones by University of Wales Press; notes that this is a ground-breaking and substantive academic engagement with the Welsh Criminal Justice system as a distinct entity; highlights the book's importance in providing much needed insight and analysis on outcomes in the Welsh system which have often been overlooked; further notes the system's current structural problems such as the lack of disaggregated justice data for Wales and the divided competencies between devolved support services and the reserved criminal justice system act as brakes on public understanding and the smooth functioning of the system; and reiterates the book's conclusion that justice should be devolved as a means to end the jagged edge of justice in Wales and to bring about wider transformational change.

519 Common Platform dispute

Tabled: 31/10/22 Signatories: 8

Liz Saville Roberts**John McDonnell****Ms Diane Abbott****Kim Johnson****Kate Hollern****Jeremy Corbyn**

Richard Burgon

Grahame Morris

That this House supports members of the Public and Commercial Services union employed as legal advisors and court associates by His Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service who are taking strike action in a dispute over the roll-out of the Common Platform; notes that the Common Platform is supposed to be a shared interface between all criminal justice process users, where cradle-to-grave details of a case can be entered, recorded and accessed as appropriate by each agency, becoming an integral part of the criminal justice system; is aware that PCS members have raised numerous concerns regarding the roll-out of the digitalised system, including warrants not reaching prisons, defendants being released from custody in error and protective orders not reaching the police; is concerned by reports that HMCTS had indicated to staff representatives that it would pause the roll-out until the new year but have since reneged on this offer, instead continuing to roll-out the failing system; and calls on the Government to intervene urgently to ensure that the justice system is served by a properly functioning system that is supported by staff and serves victims and defendants effectively.

Added Names

Below are EDMs tabled in the last two weeks to which names have been added. Only the first 6 names and any new names are included.

471 **The Leiden Declaration and support for children with speech and language difficulties**

Tabled: 17/10/22 Signatories: 11

Geraint Davies
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Jeremy Corbyn
Paul Girvan
Christine Jardine

Tony Lloyd

That this House acknowledges that language is the gateway to lifelong wellbeing, including educational attainment with huge economic and social benefits; notes the research which shows that language is the route to education and one of the strongest predictors of quality of life and well-being; is therefore concerned that around 10 per cent of children, have language difficulties, either on their own or associated with another condition such as hearing impairment or a learning disability; further notes that children living in areas of social disadvantage are at greater risk of delayed language development; notes that these may be associated with behavioural problems, school drop-out or exclusion, mental health problems, unemployment and even criminality; notes that timely action will lead to greater employability, independent living, social mobility and cohesion; therefore calls on the Government to support the recommendations of the Leiden declaration of 2021; and calls for national leaders to (i) screen all children for language needs and follow-up assessment throughout the school journey, (ii) acknowledge language difficulties as a disability wherever appropriate with support and intervention, (iii) provide language support for children from multidisciplinary teams, training and empower teachers to provide communication-supportive classroom environments and (iv) develop in school curricula and education policies that are informed by an understanding of typical language development and how best to promote it.

474 **TUC Congress 2022 resolution on the cost of living**

Tabled: 18/10/22 Signatories: 30

Beth Winter
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Nadia Whittome
Zarah Sultana
Richard Burgon
Rebecca Long Bailey

Tony Lloyd

That this House notes the TUC General Council Statement and associated motions on the cost-of-living crisis agreed at TUC Congress on 18 October 2022; agrees with the statement that workers are facing a real pay emergency; further agrees with its statement that a trade union agenda for change would be transformative for a country broken by twelve years of austerity and twelve years of standstill wages; welcomes the TUC's Demand Better protest on 18 June, its Lobby of Parliament

on 2 November; and further welcomes its resolution to organise coordinated action over pay and terms and conditions where possible with all TUC unions, including further demonstrations, national and regional rallies, and coordinated industrial action where possible to achieve that goal.

478 **Global hunger and the UN Sustainable Development Goals**

Tabled: **19/10/22** Signatories: **33**

Tony Lloyd
Patrick Grady
Caroline Lucas
Dan Carden
Neale Hanvey
Claudia Webbe

Kate Osborne

Catherine McKinnell

That this House believes the lack of attention paid to global hunger has exacerbated this long-term and widespread issue; is concerned by warnings from the World Food Programme (WFP) of another year of record hunger; notes the number of hungry people globally increased from 282 million to 345 million during 2022; highlights that a fifth of the total population of Africa went hungry in 2021; further highlights that the WFP is currently holding back famine in Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Somalia, South Sudan and Yemen while hunger in Haiti is also reaching catastrophic levels; notes that Oxfam says food shortages are likely to cause one death every 36 seconds until the end of the year; further notes that hunger displaces millions of people who must search for sanctuary elsewhere; emphasises that these crises are caused by a combination of global factors including climate change, conflict and economic instability; recognises that the covid-19 pandemic led to an increased gap in the funding required to tackle global hunger; is dismayed that the world is set to fail the UN Sustainable Development Goal of Zero Hunger by 2030, with the percentage of the global population affected by hunger on track to reach almost 10 per cent by that year; highlights that a senior Somali Government official recently said the UK has lost its leading role on this issue; and calls on the Government to re-establish the UK as a leading actor by restoring the commitment to spending 0.7 per cent of GNI on international aid.

483 **Ministerial severance payments**

Tabled: **20/10/22** Signatories: **18**

Alyn Smith
Douglas Chapman
Dr Philippa Whitford
Jonathan Edwards
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Anne McLaughlin

Caroline Lucas

That this House recognises that the Ministerial and other Pensions and Salaries Act 1991 states that where a Minister of eligible age ceases to hold office and is not reappointed to a ministerial office within three weeks, they will be entitled to a severance payment of a quarter of their ministerial annual salary; notes that this legislation is extremely generous for Ministers who hold positions for less than 12 weeks; and calls on the Government to amend this legislation.

485 Upholding the integrity of the office of Prime Minister

Tabled: 21/10/22 Signatories: 14

Daisy Cooper
Stephen Farry
Wendy Chamberlain
Ed Davey
Layla Moran
Sarah Olney

Caroline Lucas

That this House believes that the upholding of standards by its Members is of vital importance to the functioning of UK democracy; believes that it is vital that the Prime Minister and Ministers uphold these standards; and therefore resolves that any hon. or right hon. Member who is found to have broken the law whilst in Government should be barred from holding Prime Ministerial Office.

486 Statutory maternity pay

Tabled: 21/10/22 Signatories: 12

Ed Davey
Stephen Farry
Wera Hobhouse
Wendy Chamberlain
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon

Caroline Lucas

That this House recognises the current legal framework for qualifying for statutory maternity pay is poorly suited to 21st century working life; notes with concern the potential limits this policy places on women's freedom to choose where they work, especially amidst the current cost of living crisis; recognises the lack of a statutory duty for prospective employers to disclose their maternity policies to prospective candidates prior to employment; and calls on the Government to reform the current provisions so that women who have held different jobs can transfer their length of employment as they change jobs for the purpose of qualifying for statutory maternity pay.

487 Cost of living and unpaid carers

Tabled: 21/10/22 Signatories: 21

Ed Davey
Helen Morgan
Mr Alistair Carmichael
Richard Foord
Daisy Cooper
Stephen Farry

Caroline Lucas

That this House notes with concern the findings of Carers UK's survey entitled Heading for crisis: Caught between caring and rising costs, which reports that the cost of living crisis is plunging thousands of unpaid carers across the UK into debt; recognises that many family carers cannot make decisions to cut back on food or heating to stay afloat without affecting the safety of the person they care for; acknowledges the enormous financial burden people on Carers Allowance face, as they are limited in their ability to earn income but often shoulder additional costs for their loved ones out of their own pocket; condemns the lack of adequate financial support available for unpaid

carers, with 39 percent of survey respondents saying they are struggling to make ends meet; and calls on the Government to immediately provide carers with the support they need by uprating Carers Allowance at least in line with inflation.

490 World Stroke Day

Tabled: **24/10/22** Signatories: **19**

Sir Robert Neill
Jim Shannon
Sir Greg Knight
Mohammad Yasin
Jonathan Edwards
Apsana Begum

Dr Lisa Cameron

That this House recognises World Stroke Day, which takes place on 29 October; understands that over 100,000 strokes happen every year in the UK; is aware of thrombectomy, a game-changing treatment that significantly reduces disability after stroke; notes that emergency response time is crucial to the survival and recovery of a person experiencing stroke, and that improving this aligns with the Government's health priorities; and calls on the Government to support improved ambulance response times and access to specialist services, including thrombectomy.

495 90th anniversary of Donaghadee Male Voice Choir

Tabled: **25/10/22** Signatories: **7**

Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan
Stephen Farry
Mr Gregory Campbell
Patricia Gibson
Carla Lockhart

Gavin Robinson

That this House notes and celebrates the 90th anniversary of Donaghadee Male Voice Choir; further notes the founding of the Choir in 1932 and that it is the oldest male choir in Northern Ireland; underlines its popularity with over 50 members and its large repertoire which includes church music, show tunes, folk songs and classical pieces; highlights that the memory of those who passed on is honoured by members and that they continue to go from strength to strength; and praises the work and continuous success done thus far and wishes the choir, chairmen and presidents all the very best for the future of the Choir.

496 90 Years of Greenmount Campus of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise

Tabled: **25/10/22** Signatories: **5**

Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan
Mr Gregory Campbell
Carla Lockhart
Gavin Robinson

That this House celebrates 90 years of the Greenmount Campus of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise and its establishment in 1932; notes the work undertaken by the

association to offer those interested courses in the agri-food sector and rural environment which often leads to many career opportunities in that field; further notes the ongoing dedication to deliver these courses online throughout the covid pandemic to ensure the agri-food sector is not left behind; highlights the three campuses in Northern Ireland in Greenmount, Enniskillen and Loughry and the Department's commitments to ensuring young people are offered opportunities in the rural sector; further highlights the variety of sectors work is offered in, including veterinary practice, machinery, food stuff and floristry; and thanks the Association for their work in the Agri-sector and wishes them all the best for the future.

501 Avanti West Coast contract extension

Tabled: 25/10/22 Signatories: 9

Hywel Williams
Chris Stephens
Kim Johnson
Rachael Maskell
Dan Carden
Liz Saville Roberts

Caroline Lucas

That this House opposes the decision by the Department for Transport to grant the operator of the West Coast Main Line, Avanti West Coast, a six month contract extension; notes the importance of the line for millions of passengers such as those from the north of Wales and the north west of England who travel on it every year; is disappointed with the extremely poor service which Avanti has provided to passengers in recent years with cancellations, significant delays, overcrowding and high ticket prices now common which has resulted in many people traveling by car; further notes that Avanti paid out £11.5 million in dividends for the year 31 March 2021; and calls for the Government to remove the franchise from Avanti and to implement a publicly-run service that benefits both passengers and workers.

503 Caru Eryri Care For Snowdonia Project

Tabled: 26/10/22 Signatories: 6

Hywel Williams
Rachael Maskell
Jim Shannon
Liz Saville Roberts
Ben Lake
Jonathan Edwards

That this House celebrates the achievements of the Caru Eryri – Care for Snowdonia project, bringing together the Snowdonia Society, Snowdonia National Park Authority, the Outdoor Partnership and the National Trust to organise groups of volunteers to pick up litter and engage with visitors in the busiest parts of Snowdonia; notes the project has involved over 120 volunteers with between three and nine groups out every week from Easter to October across several locations; further notes that in addition to litter picking from the mountains, roadsides and lakes in Snowdonia, volunteers have engaged in positive conversations with walkers and visitors imparting practical advice on how to keep Snowdonia litter-free; and wishes all those involved with the initiative the very best at the special volunteer thank you event being held at Bethesda Rugby Club on October 28.

505 Experiences of cancer support and services

Tabled: 26/10/22 Signatories: 6

Amy Callaghan
Jim Shannon
Liz Saville Roberts
Patricia Gibson
Patrick Grady
Allan Dorans

That this House commends the work of local authorities in Scotland, including East Dunbartonshire, on Improving the Cancer Journey; understands that cancer does not just affect physical wellbeing it impacts upon every aspect of life whether its financial, emotional, medical, or practical; notes this work helps to support people affected by cancer, their families, and carers by providing structured individualised help as soon as they need it; recognises that holistic support after diagnosis enables those living with cancer and beyond to live as well and independently as possible; further recognises the likelihood of this work to improve cancer outcomes and save lives; and further notes that these services work in partnership with Macmillan Cancer Support in Scotland.

506 Regulation of loot boxes in video games

Tabled: 26/10/22 Signatories: 10

Dr Philippa Whitford
Rachael Maskell
Patricia Gibson
Carol Monaghan
Patrick Grady
Allan Dorans

Anne McLaughlin
 Jonathan Edwards

Ronnie Cowan

John Nicolson

That this House notes that the Government's recent call for evidence on the use of loot boxes in video games concluded that they may be linked to a range of potential harms and that there is a correlation between purchasing loot boxes and problem gambling as, while they do not meet the definition of gambling under the Gambling Act 2005 because the prize cannot be converted into money, they commonly provide a random reward which makes the purchase a gamble and are offered to the player in the heat of the game thereby putting the player under pressure to make the purchase; further notes that research by GambleAware highlighted that 93 per cent of children regularly play video games, with 25-40 per cent of them having purchased loot boxes; is concerned at the continued unregulated use of loot boxes in online games, particularly those aimed at children; welcomes the decision to have a DCMS-led technical working group to strengthen industry-led protections for children and adults to support safe gaming; and calls on the Government to bring forward legislation to remove loot boxes from games classified as Under 18 and to limit the cost and total expenditure of such in-game purchases.

508 Industrial action at Hinduja Global SolutionsTabled: **26/10/22** Signatories: **8**

Kim Johnson
John McDonnell
Rachael Maskell
Dan Carden
Beth Winter
Claudia Webbe

David Linden

Jim Shannon

That this House supports members of the Public and Commercial Services Union who are employed by Hinduja Global Services as part of the Disclosure and Barring Service contract who are on strike in a long-running dispute over pay and terms and conditions; notes that staff working on this contract are demanding the real living wage of £10.90 per hour; is aware that the current pay offer from Hinduja Global Services of 3.25 per cent would result in many staff continuing to earn well below the real living wage at a time of rising inflation; further notes that Hinduja Global Services is owned by one of the richest families in the UK who have amassed a fortune of over £24 billion and can afford to pay its staff a real living wage; and calls on the Government to intervene in this dispute to ensure that these dedicated workers are treated fairly and receive adequate pay which reflects the rising cost of living.

510 Industrial relations at ØrstedTabled: **27/10/22** Signatories: **7**

Mick Whitley
Ian Mearns
Kate Hollern
John McDonnell
Jim Shannon
Rachael Maskell

Jonathan Edwards

That this House is concerned by industrial relations at offshore wind multinational Ørsted, which is majority-owned by the Danish Government; notes that a 3.5 per cent consolidated pay increase has been rejected by RMT members working out of Birkenhead, Brightlingsea, Grimsby and Barrow on Ørsted's operational offshore wind farms powering UK homes, schools, hospitals and businesses; further notes that the RPI inflation rate, used for pay negotiations, stands at 12.6 per cent, which is accelerating the cost of living crisis; regrets that Ørsted is refusing to discuss this pay dispute with trade union representatives from RMT; further notes that Ørsted recorded a profit of £644 million in the first quarter of 2022, a staggering 257 per cent increase from the same period a year earlier; applauds the hard work of Ørsted's workers in the UK in delivering this increased profitability in safe and sustainable working conditions; is alarmed by RMT reports that a union member is being victimised for raising genuine health and safety concerns with this employer; fully supports a worker-led safety culture in the offshore renewables sector; and calls on the Government to ensure that the safety and employment rights of offshore wind workers at Ørsted and at renewable energy companies across the UK Exclusive Economic Zone are fully respected.

511 Adopting ILO Convention 169 – Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention

Tabled: 27/10/22 Signatories: 5

Lloyd Russell-Moyle
John McDonnell
Claudia Webbe
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon

That this House notes with sadness the recent death in Brazil of an indigenous man who was the last of his tribe and known as The Man of the Hole; recognises that he was the only inhabitant left of the Tanaru Indigenous Territory in Rondonia state in the Western Brazilian Amazon and that his death represents a symbol of indigenous genocide; condemns the fact that the rest of his tribe had been massacred in a series of attacks since the 1970s; recognises that international organisation Survival say that with his death the genocide of his people is complete... the deliberate wiping out of an entire people by cattle ranchers hungry for land and wealth; condemns President Bolsnoaro's discriminatory and hostile approach to indigenous peoples; notes with concern that the UK is not a signatory to ILO (International Labour Organisation) Convention 169 – Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention 1989, a set of international laws designed to protect the rights of indigenous peoples despite British companies operating and trading with others within the Amazon region and other tribal areas; and calls upon the Government to immediately sign up to ILO Convention 169 and stand in solidarity with indigenous and tribal peoples whose rights and land must be protected.